(c) whether following the example set by a number of Asian nations, it is proposed to regulate telecasts of such advertisements?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal at a very formative stage.

Proposal for FM Radio/HPTV Stations at Junagarh

693. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal was sent by the Government of Gujarat to the Central Government for establishment of FM Radio station and a HPTV station at Junagarh in 1996;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the proposal has been dropped for the present;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the proposal is being included in the next five year plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) A proposal for setting up of 5 KW FM Transmitter, MP Studios, Dubbing Room, Receiving facilities, Staff Quarters, etc. and a High Power TV Transmitter has been included in the draft 9th Five Year Plan.

TV/Radio Stations in North-Eastern Region

694. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are fewer TV and radio stations in North-eastern region as compared to its needs; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/contemplated to set up more such stations keeping in view the ethnic and cultural multiplicity of the region?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) TV Studio Centres are presently functioning at all North Eastern state capitals and also at Silchar, Dibrugarh and Tura. Besides, there is a Regional Programme Production Centre at Guwahati. For relay of primary channel (DD I) and Metro Channel (DD II) programmes 88 and 9 Transmitters respectively of varying power are functioning in North Eastern States.

It is the constant endeavour of the Government to improve TV and Radio services in the entire country with special emphasis to North-Eastern States. Presently, 32 TV Transmitter projects and 14 All India Radio projects are under various stages of implementation in North Eastern States. Satellite uplinking facilities are also presently available at Guwahati and are under implementation at the remaining stations in North Eastern region.

Loss suffered by Doordarshan due to NDTV

695. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has seized files relating to NDTV as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 25th April, 1998;

(b) if so, the facts and details of the case and the names of the officials interrogated for the purpose; and

(c) the estimated loss suffered by Doordarshan and steps taken to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have collected some documents and records relating to the programmes produced by M/s New Delhi Television in connection with a regular case registered by them for investigation. Since the report has not yet been submitted by the CBI, disclosure of the names of the interrogated officials will not be in public interest and the loss of revenue, if any, can be estimated only after completion of the investigation.

Complaints of TV viewers of Thane District

696. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a communication in October, 1997 complaining that the TV viewers in Dombivali-Ambarnath Complex in Thane district cannot see TV programmes telecast from DD-I/DD-II.

(b) if so, the action taken by Government for redressal of grievances of these TV viewers;

(c) if no action has since been taken, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the corrective measures will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Expansion of Doordarshan service is being carried out in a phased manner and extension of TV service to uncovered areas of the country including Dombivali-Ambarnath Complex would depend upon availability of resources, infrastructural facilities and interse priorities in the future expansion plans of Doordarshan.

आम चुनाव के समय गैर-पार्टी सरकार

697. **श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:**
श्री बरजिन्दर सिंह:

क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि निर्वाचन आयोग द्वारा सरकार को सुझाव दिया गया है कि देश में आम लोक-सभा के चुनाव के समय गैर-पार्टी सरकार का गठन किया जाए जिससे निष्पक्ष तथा संदेह रहित चुनाव कराने संभव हो सकें;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस सुझाव पर विचार कर अब तक इस बारे में कोई निर्णय लिया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि अब तक अंतिम रूप से इस पर विचार नहीं किया जा सका तो सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में कब तक निर्णय लेने का प्रस्ताव है?

विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य मंत्री (श्री एम० तम्बी दुरई): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

उच्चतम न्यायालय की अतिरिक्त खंडपीठों की स्थापना

698. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला:** क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार की राज्यों में उच्चतम न्यायालय की अतिरिक्त खंडपीठों को स्थापित करने की स्थायी नीति क्या है और इसके लिए क्या मानदंड निर्धारित किए गए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो आज तक की स्थिति के अनुसार सरकार को किन-किन राज्यों में ऐसी अतिरिक्त खंडपीठ स्थापित करने हेतु प्रस्ताव प्रेषित किए हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार को इस संबंध में गुजरात सरकार ने राजकोट में उच्चतम न्यायालय की अतिरिक्त खंडपीठ स्थापित करने हेतु प्रस्ताव प्रेषित किया है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने उक्त प्रस्ताव का अनुमोदन कर दिया है; और